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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9305

INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

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AMCONSUL GOTEBORG

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATION AGAINST CAPITAL
PUNISHMENT

1. APPROXIMATELY 25 MEMBERS OF THE SWEDISH SECTION OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GATHERED OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 6 TO PROTEST CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN GENERAL AND THE PLANNED EXECUTION OF GARY GILMORE IN UTAH. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS BRIEF AND RELATIVELY SUBDUED. THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE. A COPY OF AN APPEAL SENT TO GOVERNOR CALVIN RAMPTON OF UTAH WAS PRESENTED TO THE EMBASSY AFTER THE DEMONSTRATION.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL LETTER TO GOVERNOR RAMPTON: QUOTE: MR. GOVERNOR, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IS WORKING FOR THE TOTAL WORLDWIDE ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT WHICH IT BELIEVES TO BE A CRUEL, INHUMAN AND DEGRADING PUNISHMENT UNWORTHY OF CIVILIZED COMMUNITIES. ON THE MORNING OF THIS DAY GARY GILMORE WAS TO HAVE BEEN EXECUTED IN YOUR STATE. THE SUPREME COURT HAS DELAYED EXECUTION. WE WELCOME THIS DEVELOPMENT AND ARE DEMONSTRATING THIS EVENING OUTSIDE THE US EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM AGAINST CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. WE APPEAL TO YOU MR. GOVERNOR TO REPRIEVE GILMORE AND THUS PREVENT THE
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STATE OF UTAH FROM BECOMING THE FIRST TO CARRY OUT AN

EXECUTION AFTER THE LONG PAUSE OF ALMOST A DECADE WHICH
COULD LEAD TO A BLOODBATH OF EXECUTIONS ALL OVER THE USA.
NOBODY, WE FEEL, SHOULD HAVE TO RIGHT TO KILL, NEITHER
THE INDIVIDUAL NOR THE STATE, AND THE STATE SHOULD SET
THE EXAMPLE OF SHOWING RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE. YOUR
VERY TRULY, LARS RONNAS AND MARGARETA HELLEBERG-LEFEVRE.
END QUOTE.
SMITH

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